

## MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Wednesday, May 17, 2006      10:30 a.m.      Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Newell. (1/11)**

The Chair laid HB 5878 before the Committee.

HB 5878    Hansen                      Environmental protection; other; agricultural processors; require department of environmental quality to prepare compliance booklet for.

Representative Hansen spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of HB 5878.

Carol Linteau, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), spoke to the Committee in support of HB 5878 (if amended) and answered questions.

Cards indicating support for HB 5878 were submitted by:

    Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau

    Jim Crawford, representing the Michigan Food Processors Association

Chair Nitz stated that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 11:00 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Representative Hune made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2006, supported by Representative Proos. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Committee returned to work on HB 5878.

Representative Nitz made a motion to amend HB 5878 as follows, supported by Representative Casperson:

1.     Amend page 1, line 5, after “**MEANS**” by striking out the balance of the subdivision and inserting “**A PERSON ENGAGED IN DRYING, CLEANING, PACKAGING, OR OTHERWISE CHANGING THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF FARM PRODUCE AND STORING THE FARM PRODUCE FOR A PERIOD OF 24 HOURS OR MORE.**”.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Mayes made a motion to amend HB 5878 as follows, supported by Representative Sheltroun:

1. Amend page 1, line 9, after “**BEGINNING**” by striking out “**JANUARY 1**” and inserting “**SEPTEMBER 30**”.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Proos made a motion to report HB 5878 (H-1) with recommendation, supported by Representative Mayes.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Casperson made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Kathleen Law. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:30 a.m.

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Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk  
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